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# COMME NC EMENT





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THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY. TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE  
IS THE CULMINATION OF YOUR HARD WORK AND  
INTELLECTUAL EFFORT, WHICH SHOULD BE DULY NOTED  
AND PUBLICLY RECOGNIZED. MAY ALL OF YOUR DREAMS  
AND WISHES BRING FORTH A PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

CONGRATULATIONS!



## WELCOME

Nova Southeastern University extends a cordial welcome to each person attending this Graduation and Hooding Ceremony for the December 2010 Juris Doctor and Master of Science in Health Law, Employment Law, and Education Law degree graduates. We are here to celebrate the accomplishments of these students and extend to them the congratulations of their friends and relatives, as well as those of the university faculty, staff, and administration.

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6900 STATE ROAD 84  
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*Sunday, the Nineteenth of December, Two Thousand and Ten  
Two O'clock in the Afternoon*

# ORDER OF EXERCISES

Processional	
Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D.....	Elgar
Presiding Officer.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr. Chancellor, Nova Southeastern University
Welcome.....	Frank A. DePiano Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Nova Southeastern University
Opening Remarks.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Remarks.....	Athornia Steele Dean, Shepard Broad Law Center
Introduction of Student Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Student Speaker.....	Corey Friedman
Introduction of Faculty Speaker.....	Athornia Steele
Faculty Speaker.....	Ronald Benton Brown Professor of Law, Shepard Broad Law Center
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Faculty Speaker.....	Joseph D. Harbaugh Professor/Dean Emeritus, Shepard Broad Law Center
Presentation of Juris Doctor Candidates.....	Janet Mosseri Associate Dean, Student Affairs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Conferring of Juris Doctor Degrees.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates.....	Timothy Arcaro Professor/Academic Director, Online Programs, Shepard Broad Law Center
Conferring of Master's Degrees.....	Ray Ferrero, Jr.
Dean's Closing Remarks.....	Athornia Steele
Recessional	

*We request that the audience stand during the Processional and Recessional.*

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The caps and gowns of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages, when they were common dress for scholars. Monks and students wore them to keep warm in the damp and drafty 12th century castles and halls of learning.

The bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long, square sleeves, closed at the end and slit near the elbow to permit the forearms to come through. The doctor's gown, which also may be worn open, is trimmed with velvet panels down the front, with three velvet bars on its bell-shaped sleeves. The hood is the key to the costume. With a tassel of the same material as the gown, it is lined in silk with a color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. The length of the hood indicates the degree: four feet for the doctor; three-and-a-half feet for the master; and three feet for the bachelor. The hood is sometimes omitted on the bachelor's gown. The width of the velvet border also indicates the degree. The widest border belongs to the doctor's gown.

The color of the hood's border indicates the field of learning to which the degree pertains. The doctor's hood may bear a single chevron on the lining. Two narrow chevrons indicate a bachelor, while the master's hood may have a single chevron or be divided equally in two colors.

The various fields of learning are indicated by color as follows: arts, letters, humanities—white; commerce and accountancy—drab; economics—copper; education or pedagogy—light blue; engineering—orange; fine arts, including architecture—brown; law—purple; library science—lemon; medicine—green; philosophy—dark blue; science—golden yellow.

During the processional, candidates for the bachelor's degree wear the tassels of their mortarboard on their right. Upon receiving the diplomas, they move the tassels to the left. Candidates for all other degrees wear the tassels on the left.

## LAW CENTER MISSION AND VALUES

To ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills, and values that are at the heart of becoming trusted, highly adept, professional lawyers who are respected for serving their clients, their communities, and justice.

We believe in and model

Respect for the law and the importance of lawyers in a free society

Equitable access to education

Diversity of background and viewpoint

Excellence in teaching that serves the students and their learning needs

High standards of ethics and professionalism

Evolution of the competencies lawyers need in an ever changing world

Support of successful entry and advancement in the bar and other profession

Assumption of leadership roles and service to the community

## UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Nova Southeastern University is a dynamic, not-for-profit, independent institution dedicated to providing high quality educational programs of distinction from preschool through the professional and doctoral levels, as well as service to the community. Nova Southeastern University prepares students for lifelong learning and leadership roles in business and the professions. It offers academic programs at times convenient to students, employing innovative delivery systems and rich learning resources on campus and at distant sites. The university fosters inquiry, research, and creative professional activity by uniting faculty and students in acquiring and applying knowledge in clinical, community, and professional settings.

## NOTE

The appearance of a name in this program should not be interpreted as evidence of graduation. The student's permanent record, on file in the University Registrar's Office, remains the official testimony of the possession of a Nova Southeastern University degree.

## MACE

During the Middle Ages, the mace was an effective weapon in battle and also was displayed as a symbol to command order during royal gatherings, religious ceremonies, and university classes. As newer and more powerful military arms were created, however, the mace progressed into a symbol of authority and today is frequently used to lead religious and academic processions.

The mace was originally a wooden staff carried by royal messengers as a symbol to preserve order and usher royal functions. The early wooden staff of such royal messengers or lead ushers of ceremonial processions was transformed in the 14th century into an elaborate sterling silver mace. Eventually in the 15th century it evolved into a symbol of academic excellence and dignity.

### THE NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MACE

Before its merger in 1994 with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences, Nova University's mace bore a sterling silver "nova star" symbolizing the university's name and mission. Symbolically, Nova University's "nova star" burned brightly, providing educational enlightenment to the world. Today, a new sterling silver mace highlights the past, present, and future through the inclusion of the original "nova star" representing the university's past, surrounding the NSU seal. When not in official use, the mace is displayed in the rotunda of the William and Norma Horvitz Administration Building.

In Latin, *nova* means "new" or "innovative." Nova Southeastern University was created to be an innovative educational institution—to take the best of traditional education from the past and mold it to fit the needs of students for today and tomorrow.





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